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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, paragraph bridging pages 4-5:

In the present invention the infrared absorption spectrum of a sample is measured according to the following process. First, the sample is subjected to hot pressing at a temperature about 30 to 50°C higher than the melting point of a major component resin contained in the sample (for example about 200°C if the major component resin is a polypropylene resin) for three minutes and then subjected to cold pressing at 30°C for five minutes, to form a film having a thickness of 30 to 80 µm. The film thus obtained is loaded on an infrared spectrometer (for example FT-IR spectrometer Model 1600 manufactured by PERKIN ELMER CO., LTD.) for measurement of its infrared absorption spectrum.